

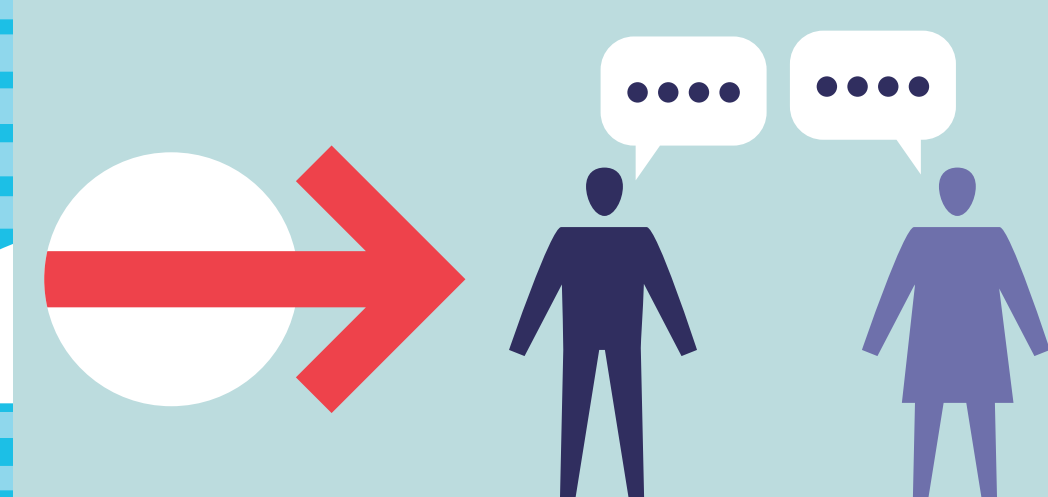
# Are you afraid to return to your country because your life, safety or freedom are in danger?

**In Mexico you have the right to request protection as a refugee.**



**The procedure to request recognition of refugee status in Mexico is confidential and free.**

**You have 30 business days from your arrival in Mexico to submit your application.**



## Seek asylum!

Go to the Comisión Mexicana de Ayuda a Refugiados (COMAR) or to the Immigration Regulation offices Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM) to start your application for refugee status in Mexico.



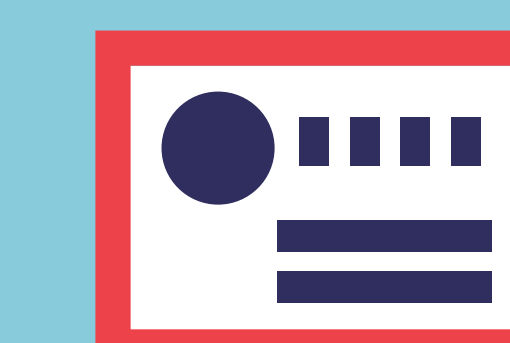
## Initial Form

You will fill out a questionnaire explaining why you left your country and why you can't go back. Include everyone who travels with you! You have the right to have a public attorney throughout the procedure.



## Certificate

COMAR will issue a certificate that proves that you have started the procedure and that you cannot be returned to your country. Your Certificate will only be valid within the state (Federal Entity) in which you initiated the procedure. If you leave the state, your paperwork will be considered abandoned.



## Temporary CURP

They will give you a temporary code (CURP by its initials in Spanish) that allows you to access public services



## Check in

You must go to the offices of COMAR or INM offices to sign on the days indicated. If you fail to sign, your procedure will be considered abandoned.



## Visitor card for humanitarian reasons

Being an asylum seeker gives you the right to have a Visitor Card for Humanitarian Reasons (TVRH by its initials in Spanish).

The TVRH grants a regular stay in the country and authorization to work. It is free and valid for up to one year.



## Interview

COMAR conducts at least two interviews, one to arrange and facilitate access to procedures and services.

The other to find out the reasons why you fled your country.



## Resolution

COMAR studies your case and informs you of its decision.

It may take between 45 and 55 business days for COMAR to notify you of its decision.

It could take more time.



## Positive Resolution

You are a refugee or received complementary protection!



## Negative Resolution

If you don't agree with COMAR decision, you can ask to review your case again. If you don't want another chance, you could go back to your country.



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La Comisión Mexicana de Ayuda a Refugiados (COMAR): 55 5209 8800 ext. 30147 y 30208

La Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos (CNDH) protect your rights: 800 715 2000

El Instituto Federal de Defensoría Pública (IFDP) for free legal assistance: 800 224 2426

La Agencia de la ONU para los Refugiados, (UNHCR), informs and accompanies you: 800 226 8769



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